Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for remote inspection of emergency equipment in installed positions at one or a system of emergency equipment stations, said apparatus comprising:

a detector located at [[a]] an emergency equipment station for detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the emergency equipment station;

a defibrillator station with a portable defibrillator located at the emergency ~~stations~~ equipment station; and

an electronic circuit in communication between the detector and a remote central station for issue of a signal to the remote central station upon detection of the obstruction to viewing of or access to the emergency equipment station.

2. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the emergency equipment station includes a fire extinguisher station.

3. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the emergency equipment station includes a fire alarm pull station.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the emergency equipment station includes an emergency lighting station and the obstruction to viewing acts as an obstruction to operation for illumination.

6. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the detector initiates a signal from the electronic circuit to the remote central station upon detection of the obstruction.

7. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 6, wherein the signal includes a wireless signal.

8. (Original) The apparatus of remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the obstruction is disposed within a range of about 6 inches to about 10 feet from the emergency equipment station.

9. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the detector initiates a signal from the electronic circuit to another emergency equipment station upon detection of the obstruction.

10. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 9, wherein the signal includes a wireless signal.

11. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the detector comprises a proximity senor.

12. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 11, wherein the proximity senor comprises an acoustic signal transmitter and an acoustic signal detector.

13. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 11, wherein the proximity sensor comprises an ultrasonic transducer.

14. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 11, wherein the proximity sensor comprises an electromagnetic signal detector.

15. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 11, wherein the proximity sensor comprises an electromagnetic signal transmitter and an electromagnetic signal detector.

16. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 11, wherein the proximity sensor comprises an optical signal transmitter and an optical signal detector.

17. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 11, wherein the proximity sensor comprises an infrared signal transmitter and an infrared signal detector.

18. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit is further adapted to issue a signal to the remote central station and to receive another signal from the remote central station.

19. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 18, wherein the issued signal includes a wireless signal.

20. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a wireless signal transmitter for transmitting a wireless signal to the remote central station.

21. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a wireless signal receiver for receiving a wireless signal from the remote central station.

22. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a receiver for receiving a signal from another emergency equipment station.

23. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a receiver for receiving a wireless signal from another emergency equipment station.

24. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a transmitter for transmitting a signal to another emergency equipment station.

25. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a transmitter for transmitting a wireless signal to another emergency equipment station.

26. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the emergency equipment station includes an emergency egress station.

27. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the detector is included in a housing separated from the emergency equipment.

28. (Currently Amended) An emergency equipment station comprising:

a portable defibrillator;

a detector for detection of access to a removal of the defibrillator at from an installed position; ~~and~~

a detector for detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator; and

circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station upon detection of access to removal of the defibrillator at from its installed position.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) The emergency equipment station of claim ~~29~~ 28 wherein the circuitry is configured to transmit a signal to the remote station upon detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator.

31. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 wherein the circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station comprises:

a wireless transmitted for transmitting a wireless signal to a remote station upon detection of removal of the defibrillator from its installed position.

32. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 wherein the circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station is configured to interface with a hardwire connection that is in communication with the remote station.

33. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 further comprising:

one or more batteries for supplying power to the portable defibrillator; and a detector for detecting a low battery condition of one or more of the batteries.

34. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 33 wherein the circuitry is configured to transmit a signal to the remote station upon detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator.

35. (Currently amended) An emergency equipment station comprising:

a portable defibrillator;

one or more batteries that supply power to the portable defibrillator;

a detector for detection a low battery condition of one or more of the batteries; ~~and~~

a detector for detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator; and

circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station upon detection of a low battery condition.

36. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 35 wherein the circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station comprises:

a wireless transmitted for transmitting a wireless signal to a remote station upon detection of removal of the defibrillator from its installed position.

37. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 35 wherein the circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station is configured to interface with a hardwire connection that is in communication with the remote station.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently amended) The emergency equipment station of claim ~~38~~ 35 wherein the circuitry is configured to transmit a signal to the remote station upon detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator.

40. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 wherein the detector for detection of access to the defibrillator comprises a detector for detecting removal of the defibrillator from the installed position.

41. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 wherein the circuitry is further configured to produce an alarm at the emergency equipment station upon detection of access to the defibrillator at its installed position.

42. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 41 wherein the alarm comprises an audible alarm.

43. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 41 wherein the alarm comprises a visual alarm.